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NEWS RELEASE

UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON TO PRESENT MARIANIST AWARD TO VATICAN II SCHOLAR DAVID O'BRIEN

DAYTON, Ohio — David J. O'Brien, the Loyola Professor of Roman Catholic Studies at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass., will receive the University of Dayton 2005 Marianist Award at **4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 21**, in the Sears Recital Hall on campus.

A reception will follow in the Humanities Plaza. Both events are free and open to the public.

"In his work as a historian, David O'Brien has been one of the most important scholars in the country in helping American Catholics think through the legacy of Vatican II and the work that remains if U.S. Catholicism is going to live out that legacy fully," said Una Cadegan, who chairs UD's Forum on the Catholic Intellectual Tradition Today. The forum nominated O'Brien for the award.

O'Brien is well known for his book *From the Heart of the American Church: Catholic Higher Education and American Culture* (1994), which explores the tradition and identity of Catholic universities.

He is the author of eight books, including *Isaac Hecker: An American Catholic* (1992), which won the American Catholic Historical Association's John Gilmary Shea Prize for the best book on Catholic history that year; *Public Catholicism* (1989); *The Renewal of American Catholicism* (1972); and *Catholic Social Thought: The Documentary Heritage* (1992), which he co-edited.

In addition, O'Brien has written numerous articles for academic journals, magazines and newspapers like the *National Catholic Reporter*, the *Boston Globe* and the *Washington Post*.

The founding director of the Center for Religion, Ethics and Culture at Holy Cross, O'Brien has taught history at the college since 1969. He has received honorary degrees from five universities, and in 1992 he received the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities' Theodore M. Hesburgh Award for Distinguished Contribution to Catholic Higher Education.

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